Import of Machinery by M/s. Voltas

1285. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 24 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th August, 1991 regarding import of machinery by M/s Voltas and state:

(a) whether Project Import means a complete set of machinery required for a project;

(b) whether a company can import any machine under Project Import;

(c) if so, why have separate import duty rates for various types of machines; and

(d) what is the progress of the investigation by the Enforcement Wing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Revival of Indian Education Services

1286. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the popular demand for the revival of Indian Education Service as recommended by Chattopadhyaya Commission;

(b) if so, by when the same is likely to be constituted; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Policy on Education (1986), *inter-alia* envisaged establishment of the Indian Education Service as an All India Service. A Sub-Group of the Committee on Management of Education setup by the Central Advisory Board of Education was constituted to formulate detailed proposals in this behalf. However, it would require further discussions and consultations with all concerned to finalise the proposals.

Low Export of Marine Products

1287. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India was harvesting only 20 per cent of its potential of marine products in spite of the country's enormous potential facilities as reported in *The Hindustan Times* of the 28th August, 1991;

(b) what was the total earning this year by way of export of marine products and likely amount of export expected during 1992-95;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to absence of uniform policy and lack of interaction coordination amongst four Central Ministries the country is exporting extremely low in this regard; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to adopt more flexible norms and to provide required infrastructure to this Industry, if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) No Sir. The total marine landing during 1989 was 2.2 million tonnes which constitute 56.4 per cent of the estimated potential of marine resources within Indian EEZ.

(b) The total earning from the marine products during 1990-91 was Rs. 893.40 crores. A tentative export target for the current year is Rs. 1500 crores. During first five months of

the current year export earning is Rs. 447 crores. As per projections made by MPEDA for draft VIII Plan, document the exports for 1992—95 were estimated to be of the order of Rs. 4000 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Government has taken steps to provide necessary infrastructural facilities for development of fishing industry. Four major fishing harbours, 23 minor fishing harbours and 96 fish landing centres have been commissioned. These harbours have capacity to accommodate 240 deep sea fishing vessels, 15,000 mechanised boats and 30000 traditional crafts. Besides MPEDA is also assisting in modernisation of processing plants.

Restarting of closed jute mills in Katihar (Bihar)

1288. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what action is being taken by Government to restart the closed jute mills at Katihar (Bihar);

(b) whether Shri Yuvraj, ex-Member of Parliament is on fast unto death in Delhi with the demand to reopen the closed mill and whether he has submitted any memorandum to the Textiles Minister; and

(c) what are the main points of the memorandum and what is Government re-action thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Government would sympathetically consider any viable proposal for the revival of Katihar Jute Mill, provided Government of Bihar furnish assurance in regard to non-recovery of dues, quantify the reliefs and concessions it is prepared to extend and obtain written undertakings from all the Unions to take payment of their past dues from the corpus of the fund to be generated by waiver of sales tax and other dues by the Government of Bihar after the revival of the mill. Government of Bihar have quantified some reliefs and concessions they are prepared to extend but have not yet agreed to waive sales tax nor have they obtained undertakings from all Unions/workers to agree to take payment of their arrear dues from the corpus of the fund to be generated by waiver of sales tax and other dues. Shri Yuvraj, ex-MP, had requested that the mill be re-opened by entrusting its management to NJMC, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Textiles, by providing them with requisite funds. Shri Yuvraj, ex-MP went on indefinite hunger strike in support of his demand but ended the same on being apprised of the up-to-date position.

State Bank of India loan to BCCI nominees

1289. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SOM PAL:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1983-86 on the basis of a secret arrangement State Bank of India loaned BCCI nominees 50 million dollars in the Middle East; and

(b) if so, who are these nominees and what was the secret arrangement, how it was done and on whose orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SNGH): (a) and (b) State Bank of India (SBI) have reported that they had established correspondent banking relationship with Bank of Credit and Commerce International (B.C.C.I.) Group and normal banking transactions with its various offices within and outside India were concluded in the usual course of business during 1983 to 1986.